



Preliminary Recommended Options for Sustainable Work Group Discussion

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Funding

Recommendations to the Legislature:

Create a variety of different funding mechanisms, for both long- and short-term funding needs for DNR's recreation program, such as:

1. Provide DNR the authority to charge a user fee at DNR-managed campgrounds, trailheads, and other recreational facilities to help supplement the Recreation Program's budget.
2. Change the amount of the fuel tax refund for non-highway vehicle purposes from the capped amount of 22 cents/gallon to the current 37.5 cents/gallon, which goes towards the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities Program (NOVA).
3. Establish a new lottery game dedicated specifically to the planning, development, and maintenance of recreational facilities and trails on DNR-managed lands.
4. Allocate a portion of the sales tax associated with the purchase of outdoor sporting goods equipment to the DNR Recreation Program.
5. Create a new classification of statutory trust lands that would be managed by DNR to generate revenue for the DNR Recreation Program.
6. Allocate all revenue exceeding \$23 million from the State Parks License Renewal Opt-Out Donation towards the DNR Recreation Program.
7. Other ideas gathered from the work group's 9/11/09 meeting deliberations and/or input from subsequent public meetings.

Recommendations to the Department of Natural Resources:

1. Enter into concessionaire agreements, where appropriate, with private entities to manage DNR campgrounds.
2. Other ideas gathered from the work group's 9/11/09 meeting deliberations and/or input from subsequent public meetings.

Public Access

Recommendations to the Legislature

1. Create a well-funded account that state agencies, including DNR, can use to acquire public access through private property onto state lands.
2. Amend the recreational immunity statute (RCW 4.24.210) to allow DNR to charge a statewide access fee while retaining its recreational immunity, similar to Washington State Parks and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.
3. Amend the recreational immunity statute (RCW 4.24.210) so that a landowner does not lose their recreational immunity in situations where there is an injury involving a known dangerous artificial latent condition for which warning signs have not been conspicuously posted.
4. Create a dedicated funding source to fund an integrated education and enforcement presence on DNR-managed lands, ranging from a forest watch program to law enforcement officers.
5. Other ideas gathered from the work group's 9/11/09 meeting deliberations and/or input from subsequent public meetings.

Recommendations to the Department of Natural Resources:

1. Address environmental and other impacts from recreational use on DNR-managed lands, including impacts from undesignated trails, using the priorities discussed previously by the work group.
2. Continue to block up trust land ownership and acquire trust ownership of key parcels, providing both increased management and public recreational access to trust lands.
3. Other ideas gathered from the work group's 9/11/09 meeting deliberations and/or input from subsequent public meetings.